

EXHIBIT 1 - Part 1

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THE SONGWRITER COLLECTIVE, LLC,
as Borrower,

and

FORTRESS CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES I, LP,
as Lender and as Agent for the Lenders

LOAN AGREEMENT

Dated as of March 1, 2004

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made this 1st day of March, 2004, among The Songwriter Collective, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as borrower (the "Borrower"), and Fortress Credit Opportunities I, LP, a limited partnership, as a Lender (as hereinafter defined) and as Agent (as hereinafter defined) for the Lenders (as hereinafter defined).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lenders extend to the Borrower a Loan (as hereinafter defined), such Loan to be secured by all of the assets of the Borrower including existing or hereinafter acquired rights in certain musical compositions, the rights to payment therefrom, all registered copyrights relating thereto and certain related assets of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders are willing to make such Loan to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Definitions and Interpretation.

(a) Whenever used in this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Accounts" means the Collection Account, the Funding Account and the Reserve Account.

"Additional Class A Member Amount" shall mean, as of the Post Closing Date, an amount equal to the product of the Class A Member Unallocated Amount and a fraction equal to the grossed up annual average income for each Additional Class A Member (as set forth on the updated Wayne Coleman report covering such Additional Class A Member) divided by the Class A Member Unallocated Average Annual Income Amount.

"Additional Class A Member Reserved Amount" shall mean, as of the Post Closing Date, for the Additional Class A Members, the aggregate amount of Class A Member Distributions to the Additional Class of Members plus, if applicable, the aggregate Existing Member Advance Amounts, Rights Reserve Amounts and other amounts required to be withheld from the Additional Class A Member Amount to pay Liens or other encumbrances.

"Additional Class A Members" shall mean those Members approved by the Agent, which have satisfied the conditions set forth on Section 3.02 and that are admitted on the Post Closing Date.

"Affiliate" of any Person means any other Person that (i) directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person (excluding any trustee under, or any committee with responsibility for administering, any Benefit Plan) or (ii) is an officer, director, member or partner of such Person. For purposes of this definition, a Person shall be deemed to be "controlled by" another Person if such other Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power (i) to vote 5% or more of the securities (on a fully diluted basis) having ordinary voting power for the election of directors, members or managing partners of such Person or (ii) to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise.

"Agent" shall mean Fortress Credit, in its capacity as agent for the Lenders under this Agreement and its successors and assigns.

"Agreement" shall mean this Loan Agreement.

"Annualized Debt Service" shall mean, an amount determined as of each Reporting Date, equal to the sum of (i) the product of the Interest Rate and the Outstanding Balance of the Loan and (ii) an amount equal to the annual principal payment required to fully amortize the Outstanding Balance of the Loan assuming equal annual payments, a rate of interest equal to the Interest Rate and an amortization period of seven years.

"Applicable Law" shall mean, as to any Person, any law, statute, rule, treaty, regulation or determination of an arbitrator, court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its properties or to which such Person or any of its properties may be bound or affected.

"Assignment and Acceptance" shall mean an assignment and acceptance agreement between a Lender and an Eligible Assignee, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

"Authorized Officer" shall mean either the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer or such other officer of the Borrower as the Lender may approve in writing.

"Available Reserve Amount" shall mean, (i) prior to the Post Closing Date, an amount equal to Loan proceeds deposited into the Reserve Account on the Closing Date less the sum of (A) the Class A Member Unallocated Amount and (B) the aggregate amount withdrawn from the Reserve Account prior to the date of determination and (ii) on and after the Post Closing Date, an amount equal to Loan proceeds deposited into the Reserve Account on the Closing Date less the aggregate amount withdrawn from the Reserve Account prior to the date of determination including any Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment, if any, plus the Additional Class A Member Amount to the extent not distributed on the Post Closing Date.

"Backup Copyright Administration Agreement" shall mean the letter agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among SESAC, The Collective Holding Company, LLC, the Borrower and Jean Mason,

"Backup Management Letter Agreement" shall mean the backup management letter agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Borrower, SESAC, the Agent, The Collective Holding Company, LLC, and Jean Mason, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

"Backup Manager" shall mean SESAC as Backup Manager under the Backup Management Letter Agreement.

"Backup Manager Tier One Fees" shall mean with respect to a Copyright or Catalog for which there is no third-party administration arrangement, 17.5% of the net collections with respect thereto.

"Backup Manager Tier Two Fees" shall mean with respect to a Copyright or Catalog for which there is a third party administration arrangement, 17.5% of the net collections with respect thereto.

"Backup Manager Triggering Event" shall mean any of the following acts or occurrences:

- (i) the Borrower shall fail to comply with Section 4.01;
- (ii) an Event of Default; or
- (ii) the occurrence, as of any Reporting Date, of a Triggering Event.

"Bankruptcy Code" shall mean Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

"Basic Documents" shall mean the Subscription Agreement, the LLC Agreement and the Marketing Documents.

"Benefit Plan" means any employee benefit plan as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA in respect of which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of the Borrower (i) is, or at any time during the immediately preceding six years was, an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA or (ii) maintains, contributes to or has an obligation to contribute to on behalf of participants who are or were employed by the Borrower or any such ERISA Affiliate.

"Business Day" shall mean any day of the year other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed or commercial banks in New York, Delaware or in the State in which the principal offices of the Servicer is located are authorized or required by law or executive order to be closed.

"Business Premises" shall mean the Borrower's chief executive office located at 3717 East Thousand Oaks Blvd., Westlake Village, California 91362.

"Catalog" shall mean, as to each Class A Member, such Class A Member's catalog of musical Compositions contributed to the Borrower by such Class A Member, as more particularly set forth on Schedule V, and the right to and interest in any and all revenues and licenses derived from such Compositions, and all rights in and to such Compositions under the Copyright Act and all other applicable laws throughout the universe.

"Class A Debt Mandatory Repayment" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(a).

"Class A Member Debt" shall mean, with respect to each Class A Member, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to the product of the Outstanding Balance of the Loan multiplied by such Class A Member's Pro Rata Share.

"Class A Member Distributions" shall mean the distributions to be made to the Initial Class A Members from the proceeds of the Loan, and, as of the Post Closing Date, to the Additional Class A Members, as more particularly set forth on Schedule II.

"Class A Member's Pro Rata Share" shall mean, as of the Closing Date, a fraction the numerator of which is the Fair Market Value of the Catalog contributed by such Initial Class A Member on the Closing Date and the denominator of which is equal to the sum of (i) the aggregate Fair Market Value of all of the Catalogs contributed by all of the Initial Class A Members plus (ii) an amount equal to the Class A Member Unallocated Amount, and as of the Post Closing Date, a fraction the numerator of which is the Fair Market Value of the Catalog contributed by such Class A Member on the Closing Date or the Post Closing Date, as applicable, and the denominator of which is the aggregate Fair Market Value of all of the Catalogs contributed by all of the Class A Members.

"Class A Member Unallocated Amount" shall mean \$1,986,630.

"Class A Member Unallocated Average Annual Income Amount" shall mean \$1,104,181.

"Class A Members" shall mean, as of the Closing Date, the Initial Class A Members and, as of the Post Closing Date, the Initial Class A Members and the Additional Class A Members, if any.

"Closing Date" shall mean March 1, 2004.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Collateral" shall have the meaning set forth in the Security Agreement.

"Collection Account" shall mean account number 65081-0 maintained with the Collection Account Bank pursuant to the Collection Account Control Agreement or such other account as may be agreed to in writing by the Borrower and the Agent from time to time, and into which all Collections received by the Collection Account Bank will be deposited on the day received.

"Collection Account Bank" shall mean Wilmington Trust Company or any other Eligible Institution with which the Borrower may establish the Collection Account as may be agreed to in writing by the Borrower and the Agent from time to time.

"Collection Account Control Agreement" shall mean the control agreement among the Borrower, the Agent, the Servicer and the Collection Account Bank.

"Collection Period" shall mean, with respect to any Payment Date, the three calendar months immediately preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs, except that, in the case of the first Payment Date, the related Collection Period will be the period from the Closing Date through and including the last day of May, 2004.

"Collections" shall mean, with respect to any Collection Period, all payments collected or received by or on behalf of the Borrower in respect of the Collateral during such Collection Period, including all Royalty Receipts and any other net proceeds from the Collateral in respect of such Collection Period.

"Collective Holding Guaranty" shall mean a guaranty of the indebtedness of the Borrower by The Collective Holding Company, LLC.

"Compositions" means all of the musical compositions contained in the Catalogs initially contributed to the Borrower by the Class A Members, as more particularly set forth on Schedule V, including the Copyrights therein and any and all renewals and extensions thereof, throughout the universe and all claims and causes of action related to the Compositions accruing at any time and all other rights of any nature whatsoever in the Compositions, including the titles, words and music of the Compositions and each and every arrangement, adaptation and version thereof.

"Control Agreements" shall mean the Collection Account Control Agreement, the Funding Account Control Agreement and the Reserve Account Control Agreement.

"Control Bank" shall mean the Collection Account Control Bank, the Funding Account Control Bank and the Reserve Account Control Bank or any of them.

"Copyright Act" shall mean the Copyright Act of 1909, as applicable and the Copyright Act of 1978.

"Copyright" means, with respect to each Composition and all components thereof, all common law and statutory copyrights, rights in copyrights, interests in copyrights, applications for copyrights and renewals and extensions of copyrights, throughout the universe, from time to time with respect to such Composition and components thereof.

"Copyright Mortgage" shall mean the Copyright Mortgage, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Borrower and the Agent.

"Current Cash Pay Interest" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.03.

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" shall mean, as of each Reporting Date, the ratio obtained by dividing an amount equal to the total Royalty Receipts for the twelve calendar months immediately preceding the related Reporting Date by the Annualized Debt Service.

"Deferred Expenses" shall mean that portion of the transaction fees and Take-Out Financing expenses reduced prior to the Closing Date, as more particularly set forth on Schedule XI.

"Eligible Assignee" shall mean (i) any Affiliate of Fortress Credit and (ii) any other Person approved by the Borrower, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

"Eligible Institution" means a depository institution or trust company, (i) the commercial paper or other short-term unsecured debt obligations of which are rated at least "A-1" by Standard & Poor's and at least "Prime-1" by Moody's; provided, however, that any long term rating issued by Moody's for such entity must be at least "A2" or (ii) having corporate trust powers and organized under the laws of the United States, any State or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that has a long-term deposit rating from (a) Moody's of at least "Baa3" or (b) Standard & Poor's of at least "BBB-" (or such lower rating as the Agent shall approve in writing).

"Entitlement Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 8-102 of the UCC.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and, unless the context otherwise requires, the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any member of a "controlled group of corporations" or of a group of two or more "trades or businesses under common control" (as such terms are defined, respectively, in Section 414(b), (c), (m) and (o) of the Code and the regulations thereunder) of which the Borrower is a party.

"Event of Default" shall mean any of the events described in Section 9 hereof.

"Excess Additional Class A Member Amount" shall mean, as of the Post Closing Date, the amount by which the Additional Class A Member Amount to the extent not distributed on the Post Closing Date exceeds the Additional Class A Member Reserved Amount.

"Excess Existing Member Advance Amount" shall mean, to the extent that one or more Payout Amounts have been received for Existing Advance Class A Members, the difference between the aggregate Existing Member Advance Amounts and the Payout Amounts.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Existing Advance Class A Member" shall mean each Class A Member whose name is set forth on Schedule III.

"Existing Member Advance Amount" shall mean the amount set forth opposite an Existing Advance Class A Member's name on Schedule III.

"Existing Member Advances" shall mean amounts owed to third parties from time to time by an Existing Advance Class A Member in respect of advances made against future payments to such Existing Advance Class A Member relating to the exploitation of such Member's rights in Compositions and related Collateral.

"Exit Transaction" shall mean the occurrence of (i) the conversion of the Borrower from a limited liability company under applicable Delaware law to a corporation under any state law through any mechanism and a subsequent initial public offering of such corporation's shares of common stock; (ii) the election by the Borrower to be treated as an entity other than a partnership for federal income tax purposes; (iii) the consummation of the sale of all or substantially all of the Borrower's assets or Membership Interests; or (iv) the restructuring, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, amalgamation or other form of business combination regarding the Borrower under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.

"FDIC" means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Financing Statement" shall mean any UCC financing statement, amendment, partial termination statement, continuation statement or termination statement prepared or filed at any time with respect to any portion of or all of the Collateral, as the case may be, in each case in form and substance agreed to by the Borrower and the Agent prior to the filing thereof.

"FNMA" means the Federal National Mortgage Association.

"Fortress Credit" shall mean Fortress Credit Opportunities I LP, and its permitted successors and assigns.

"Funding Account" shall mean account number 1000014155872 maintained with the Funding Account Bank or such other account as may be agreed to in writing by the Borrower and the Agent from time to time.

"Funding Account Bank" shall mean the Eligible Institution with which the Borrower has established the Funding Account.

"Funding Account Control Agreement" means the control agreement among the Borrower, the Agent and the Funding Account Bank.

"GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect in the United States of America from time to time.

"Governmental Authority" shall mean any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof and any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government.

"Highest Lawful Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.08.

"Indebtedness" shall include all items which would properly be included in the liability section of a balance sheet or in a footnote to a financial statement in accordance with GAAP, and shall also include all contingent liabilities.

"Indemnified Party" shall mean each of the Agent, each Lender and any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents or Affiliates.

"Initial Class A Members" shall mean those Members approved by the Agent that are admitted on the Closing Date.

"Interest Calculation Date" shall mean the second Business Day following the Reporting Date, commencing with the first such day to occur after the Closing Date.

"Interest Period" shall mean, with respect to any Interest Calculation Date, the period from but excluding the last Interest Calculation Date to but including the current Interest Calculation Date, except that, in the case of the first Interest Period, the period will be from and including the Closing Date to and including the first Interest Calculation Date.

"Interest Rate" shall mean a fixed rate of nineteen percent (19.0%) per annum, provided, that following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default such rate shall increase to twenty-two percent (22.0%) per annum.

"Investment Company Act" shall mean the Investment Company Act of 1940.

"LLC Agreement" shall mean the amended and restated limited liability company agreement of the Borrower dated as of January 1, 2004, among The Collective Holding Company, LLC and the Members, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the LLC Agreement and Amendment No. 2 to the LLC Agreement.

"Laws" shall mean all ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, orders, injunctions, writs or decrees of any Governmental Authority or political subdivision or agency thereof, or any court or similar entity established by any thereof.

"Lender" or "Lenders" shall mean any of Fortress Credit and each other Person that agrees, pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, to become a party hereunder.

"Lender Register" shall mean the register, maintained by the Agent pursuant to Section 11.01(c), for the recordation of the names, addresses and the portion of the principal amount of the Loan made by each Lender.

"Letters of Direction" shall mean one or more letters of direction from each Class A Member addressed to each third party obligor which makes a payment to such Class A Member relating to the Collateral.

"Licenses" shall mean any and all contractual agreements of every type and character relating to any Composition.

"Lien" shall mean any statutory or common law consensual or non-consensual mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien, right of setoff, bona fide claim or charge of any kind, including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention transaction, any lease transaction in the nature thereof and any secured transaction under the UCC.

"Loan" shall mean the loan made to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof.

"Loan Documents" shall mean this Agreement, the Note, the Security Agreement, the Copyright Mortgage, the Backup Management Letter Agreement, the Sale of Collateral Letter Agreement, the Servicing Agreement, the Control Agreements and any and all agreements, contracts, promissory notes, security agreements, assignments, subordination agreements, pledge or hypothecation agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, leases, guaranties, instruments, letters of credit, letter of credit agreements and documents now and hereafter existing between the Lenders and the Borrower, executed and/or delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

"Loss" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any and all losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, claims, costs, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to such Person.

"Majority Lenders" shall mean, as of any date, Lenders holding in excess of 50% of the Outstanding Balance of the Loan.

"Management Services" shall have the meaning set forth in the Backup Management Letter Agreement.

"Marketing Materials" shall mean the Songwriter Collective Handbook dated December 2003 and the Summary of the LLC Agreement, together with the Subscription Agreement and the LLC Agreement.

"Material Adverse Change" shall mean a material adverse change in (i) the business, operations, properties or condition, financial or otherwise, taken as a whole, of the Borrower or (ii) the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Loan Documents.

"Material Agreements" shall mean the LLC Agreement, the Subscription Agreement and the SESAC Agreement.

"Mandatory Repayments" shall mean the Class A Debt Mandatory Repayment and the Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment.

"Maturity Date" shall mean February 28, 2005.

"Maximum Take-Out Financing Expenses" shall mean the maximum amount of Take-Out Financing expenses payable from the proceeds of the Loan as set forth on Schedule IV.

"Members" shall mean the parties that are members of The Songwriter Collective, LLC pursuant to the LLC Agreement from time to time.

"Membership Buyout" shall mean a buyout by a Class A Member of its Membership Interest in accordance with Section 11.2 of the LLC Agreement.

"Membership Interests" shall have the meaning set forth in the LLC Agreement.

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"Note" shall mean the promissory note, dated the Closing Date, executed by the Borrower, payable to the order of the Agent, as agent for the Lenders, evidencing the Loan and all renewals, replacements and extensions thereof.

"Obligations" shall mean the full and punctual observance and performance of all present and future duties, covenants and responsibilities due to the Lenders and the Agent by the Borrower under this Agreement, the Note and the other Loan Documents, all present and future obligations and liabilities of the Borrower to the Lenders and the Agent for the payment of money under this Agreement, the Note and the other Loan Documents (extending to all principal amounts, interest, late charges, fees and all other charges and sums, as well as all costs and expenses payable by the Borrower under this Agreement, the Note, the other Loan Documents and otherwise), whether direct or indirect, contingent or noncontingent, matured or unmatured, accrued or not accrued, related (directly or indirectly) to this Agreement, whether or not now contemplated, whether or not any instrument or agreement relating thereto specifically refers to this Agreement and whether or not of the same character or class as Borrower's obligations under this Agreement or the Note.

"Origination Fee" shall mean the fee in the amount of \$300,000 payable by the Borrower to the Agent on the Closing Date.

"Outstanding Balance" shall mean the Loan minus any Mandatory Repayments received by the Agent and any principal payments made by the Borrower pursuant to Section 5.02(f).

"PIK Interest" shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 2.04.

"Payment Date" shall mean the second Business Day following the Reporting Date in the months of June, September and December, 2004 and February, 2005, or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately succeeding Business Day, commencing with the first such date succeeding the Closing Date.

"Payout Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.02(d)(i).

"Permitted Investment" shall mean, at any time, any one or more of the following obligations, instruments and securities:

(i) obligations of, and obligations fully guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by, the United States or any agency thereof, provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States;

(ii) general obligations of or obligations guaranteed by FNMA or any State; provided that such obligations have the highest available credit rating from each Rating Agency for such obligations, or, with respect to ratings issued by Moody's, have a long term rating of at least "A2" and/or a short term rating of at least "Prime-1";

(iii) securities bearing interest or sold at a discount issued by any limited liability company or any entity formed or incorporated, as the case may be, under the laws of the United States or any State; provided, that at the time of such investment or contractual commitment providing for such investment, either (a) the long-term

unsecured debt of such entity has the highest available rating from each Rating Agency for such obligations, or, with respect to ratings issued by Moody's, have a long term rating of at least "A2" and/or a short term rating of at least "Prime-1," or (b) the commercial paper or other short-term debt of such entity that is then rated has the highest available credit rating of each Rating Agency for such obligations, or, with respect to ratings issued by Moody's, have a short term rating of at least "Prime-1";

(iv) certificates of deposit issued by any depository institution or trust company (including the Control Bank) incorporated under the laws of the United States or any State and subject to supervision and examination by banking authorities of one or more of such jurisdictions; provided that the short-term unsecured debt obligations of such depository institution or trust company have the highest available credit rating of each Rating Agency for such obligations, or, with respect to ratings issued by Moody's, have a short term rating of at least "Prime-1";

(v) certificates of deposit that are issued by any bank, trust company, savings bank or other savings institution and fully insured by the FDIC;

(vi) investments in money market funds (including funds for which the Control Bank or any of its Affiliates is investment manager or advisor) having a rating from Standard & Poor's of "AAA-m" or "AAAm-G" and from Moody's of "Aaa"; and

(vii) such other obligations, instruments and securities as may be directed by the Borrower and acceptable to the Agent;

provided, that, with respect to the Collection Account, each of the foregoing obligations, instruments and securities shall mature no later than two Business Days preceding the Payment Date immediately succeeding the Collection Period in which such investment is made (other than in the case of the investment of monies in obligations, instruments and securities of which the entity at which the Collection Account is located is the obligor, which may mature on the related Payment Date).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) no Permitted Investment may be purchased at a premium and (ii) no obligation or security may be a "Permitted Investment" unless (a) the Control Bank has control over such obligation or security and (b) at the time such obligation or security was delivered to the Control Bank or the Control Bank became the related Entitlement Holder, the Control Bank did not have notice of any adverse claim with respect thereto within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the UCC.

For purposes of this definition, any reference to the highest available credit rating of an obligation shall mean the highest available credit rating for such obligation (excluding any "+" signs associated with such rating) or such lower credit rating as approved in writing by the Agent, acting at the direction of the Majority Lenders.

"Permitted Liens" shall mean (a) Liens of the Agent on behalf of the Lenders, (b) Liens for taxes not delinquent or for taxes being diligently contested in good faith by the Borrower by appropriate proceedings, (c) mechanic's, workman's, materialman's, landlord's, carrier's and other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business with respect to obligations which are

not due or which are being diligently contested in good faith by the Borrower by appropriate proceedings provided that such Liens did not arise in connection with the borrowing of money or the obtaining of advances or credit and do not, in the Agent's discretion, in the aggregate materially detract from the value of the Borrower's assets or materially impair the use thereof, (d) Liens relating to equipment leases and purchase money security interests entered into in the ordinary course of the Borrower's business, and (e) Liens specifically consented to by the Agent in writing.

"Person" shall include natural persons, corporations, associations, limited liability companies, partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, governments and agencies and departments thereof and every other entity of every kind.

"Post Closing Date" shall mean the Business Day agreed upon by the Agent and the Borrower as the date for the admission of Additional Class A Members, and there shall only be one Post Closing Date, which date shall not be earlier than the 60th day following the Closing Date and shall not be later than the six month anniversary of the Closing Date.

"Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.04(b).

"Rating Agency" shall mean Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

"Remaining Take-Out Financing Expense Amount" shall mean, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to the difference between (a) the Maximum Take-Out Financing Expenses and (b) an amount equal to the sum of (i) the Take-Out Financing expenses paid prior to the date of determination and (ii) any interest paid from the Reserve Account prior to the date of determination.

"Reporting Date" shall mean the 10th day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day, commencing with the first such day to occur after the Closing Date.

"Requirement of Law" shall mean, as to any Person, any law, statute, rule, treaty, regulation or determination of an arbitrator, court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its properties or to which such Person or any of its properties may be bound or affected.

"Reserve Account" shall mean account number 1000014155930 maintained with the Reserve Account Bank or such other account as may be agreed to in writing by the Borrower and the Agent from time to time.

"Reserve Account Bank" shall mean the Eligible Institution with which the Borrower has established the Reserve Account.

"Reserve Account Control Agreement" means the control agreement among the Borrower, the Agent and the Reserve Account Bank.

"Reserve Account Distribution Notice" shall mean a notice substantially in the form of Exhibit D, executed by an Authorized Officer.

"Responsible Officer" shall mean the president, any vice president, chief operating officer, chief executive officer, chief financial officer or treasurer of the Borrower.

"Rights to Income" shall mean all income, accounts, Royalty Receipts, general intangibles and other payment intangibles and any and all current or future income streams emanating from the Compositions, as listed on Schedule VI.

"Rights Reserve Amount" shall mean the amounts set forth opposite each Rights Reserve Class A Member.

"Rights Reserve Class A Member" shall mean each Class A Member set forth on Schedule X.

"Royalty Receipts" shall mean all amounts received by the Borrower in respect of Catalogs, Compositions, Copyrights and Licenses on or after the Closing Date; provided, that, for the purposes of calculating the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, the net amounts for the applicable months are the amounts set forth on Schedule VIII.

"Sale of Collateral Letter Agreement" shall mean the sale of collateral upon event of default letter agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Borrower, SESAC, the Agent, The Collective Holding Company, LLC and Jean Mason, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"SESAC" shall mean SESAC, Inc., a New York corporation.

"SESAC Agreement" means the Agreement dated as of July 3, 2003 among SESAC, The Collective Holding Company, LLC, the Borrower and E. Jean Mason.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933.

"Security Agreement" shall mean the copyright mortgage and security agreement, dated as of March 1, 2004, between the Borrower and the Agent.

"Servicer" shall mean UCC Servicing, Inc.

"Solvent" shall mean, with respect to any Person at any time, having a state of affairs such that all of the following conditions are met: (i) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the amount of such Person's liabilities (including disputed, contingent and unliquidated liabilities) as such value is established and liabilities evaluated for purposes of Section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the present fair salable value of the property of such Person in an orderly liquidation of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (iii) such Person is able to realize upon its property and pay its debts and other

liabilities (including disputed, contingent and unliquidated liabilities) as they mature in the normal course of business, (iv) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature, and (v) such Person is not engaged in a business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in a business or a transaction, for which such Person's property would constitute unreasonably small capital.

"Standard & Poor's" shall mean Standard & Poor's, a Division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

"State" shall mean any state of the United States, Puerto Rico or the District of Columbia.

"Subscription Agreement" shall mean the subscription agreements among The Songwriter Collective, LLC, The Collective Holding Company, LLC and the Class A Members.

"Subsidiary" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors, members or other managers of such corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity (or to direct operation of a trust) are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person.

"Take-Out Financing" shall mean the Initial Loan Closing (as defined in the LLC Agreement).

"Taxes" shall mean any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges or withholdings, and all liabilities (including penalties, interest and expenses) with respect thereto, excluding, such taxes (including income or franchise taxes) as are imposed on or measured by a Lender's net income.

"Third Party Consents" shall mean those consents to assignment of Copyrights or Rights to Income or waiver of matching rights identified on Schedule VIII, each in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent in its sole and absolute discretion.

"Triggering Event" shall occur, as of any Reporting Date, when the Debt Service Coverage Ratio is below 1.4 to 1.

"UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the applicable jurisdiction.

"United States" shall mean the United States of America.

(b) Unless the context otherwise requires, (i) references to agreements include all Exhibits and Schedules thereto and shall be deemed to mean and include such agreements as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented and otherwise modified from time to time; (ii) references to parties to agreements shall be deemed to include the permitted successors and

assigns of such parties; (iii) references to statutes or regulations shall be deemed to include such statutes or regulations as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified or replaced from time to time; (iv) the term "include" and all variations thereof shall mean "include without limitation"; (v) references to an Article or Section such as "Article One" or "Section 1.01" shall refer to the applicable Article or Section of the related agreement; (vi) references to the term "or" shall include "and/or"; (vii) the term "proceeds" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the UCC; (viii) in the computation of a period of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" shall mean "from and including" and the words "to" and "until" shall mean "to but excluding"; (ix) terms include, as appropriate, all genders and the plural as well as the singular; (x) references to words such as "herein," "hereof" and the like shall refer to the related agreement as a whole and not to any particular part, Article or Section therein; and (xi) references to Schedules in this Agreement shall be deemed to mean and include such Schedules as the same may be modified as of the Post Closing Date.

Section 1.02. Accounting Terms and Determinations. Unless otherwise defined or specified herein, all accounting terms shall be construed herein, all accounting determinations hereunder shall be made, all financial statements required to be delivered hereunder shall be prepared and all financial records shall be maintained, in accordance with GAAP.

Section 1.03. Times. Unless otherwise indicated herein, each reference to time herein shall refer to the time in New York, New York. For example, a reference to 3:30 p.m. shall mean 3:30 p.m. (New York, New York time).

ARTICLE II

THE LOAN

Section 2.01. Loan. Subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, on the Closing Date, the Lenders shall loan to Borrower and Borrower shall borrow from the Lenders, on the Closing Date, an amount equal to Twelve Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$12,120,000.00). Thereafter, on each Interest Calculation Date on which PIK Interest arises, the Lenders will be deemed to have made an additional loan to the Borrower in an amount equal to such PIK Interest as of such Interest Calculation Date.

Section 2.02. Purpose of Loan; Reserve Account.

(a) The purpose of the Loan is to provide funds (i) necessary for the Borrower to continue its operations and to pay its costs and expenses prior to, and certain additional future expenses associated with, a Take-Out Financing by the Borrower, (ii) to make the Class A Member Distributions, (iii) to pay Existing Member Advance Amounts, (iv) to pay Rights Reserve Amounts, (v) to pay interest in the event of a shortfall in Collections for a related Collection Period, each as more fully set forth in Section 2.02(d) and on Schedule IV, (vi) to pay the Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment, if any, and (vii) to pay Deferred Expenses from Excess Additional Class A Member Amounts or from Excess Existing Member Advance Amounts.

(b) On the Closing Date, (i) the Lender shall disburse the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with Schedule IV under the heading "Payments to be made at Closing," and (ii) all remaining proceeds shall be deposited into the Reserve Account including the Class A Member Unallocated Amount.

(c) At any time prior to the delivery by the Agent of a notice to the Reserve Account Bank in accordance with the Reserve Account Control Agreement, the Borrower may, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 2.02(c) and in Section 2.02(d), withdraw amounts from the Available Reserve Amount on deposit in the Reserve Account by delivering to the Agent, by overnight courier, a Reserve Account Distribution Notice at least three Business Days prior to the date proposed for such distribution, which, in the case of requests for withdrawal of amounts set forth in Sections 2.02(d)(i), (ii) and (iii), the Agent shall have acknowledged in writing to the Borrower, in a timely manner, either that the Borrower has satisfied such conditions, or that the Agent objects to the withdrawal covered by such Reserve Account Distribution Notice.

(d) Subject to satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.02(c), the Borrower may withdraw the following amounts from the Available Reserve Amount on deposit in the Reserve Account, except that with respect to (vi), no Reserve Account Distribution Notice shall be required and any Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment shall be made to the Agent by the Borrower on the Post Closing Date:

(i) for each Existing Advance Class A Member, an amount not to exceed such Class A Member's Existing Member Advance Amount with respect to the third party payee, upon receipt by the Agent of documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Agent in its sole and absolute discretion evidencing (A) the payment or settlement, or written agreement of a third party obligee to accept a payment in settlement (collectively, the "Payout Amount"), (B) executed Letters of Direction, and (C) Third Party Consents, if any; provided that the Excess Existing Member Advance Amounts shall be retained in the Reserve Account and used by the Borrower to pay monthly operating expenses in accordance with the Source and Uses set forth on Schedule IV and for periods extending beyond those originally contemplated and to pay Deferred Expenses;

(ii) for each Class A Member, the Class A Member Distribution Amount, upon receipt by the Agent of documentation reasonably satisfactory to it in its sole and absolute discretion (A) evidencing the tax filings, together with an official receipt or cancelled checks evidencing payment, for each of the years 1998-2003, (B) the release of, or the written agreement of, the third party to release the applicable Liens or other encumbrances on the Collateral, together with a direction to make payment of such amounts to such third party, (C) executed Letters of Direction and (D) Third Party Consents, if any;

(iii) for each Rights Reserve Class A Member, the Rights Reserve Amount, upon receipt by the Agent of the Third Party Consents;

(iv) the amounts necessary to cover operating expenses and other contemplated uses of the Borrower for the next succeeding month as set forth in Schedule IV;

(v) any necessary Take-Out Financing expenses (including, if applicable, an amount equal to the shortfall, if any, in Collections available for interest payments to be paid to the Borrower on a Payment Date; provided, however, that in relation to any Take-Out Financing expenses or interest payments, the Borrower shall certify that such amount does not exceed the Remaining Take-Out Financing Expense Amount);

(vi) on the Post Closing Date, the Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment, if any; and

(vii) on or after the Post Closing Date, to pay Deferred Expenses from Excess Additional Class A Member Amounts; provided that, any Excess Additional Class A Member Amount remaining after payment of the Deferred Expenses shall be used to pay operating expenses and Take-Out Financing expenses.

Section 2.03. Note. Borrower's obligation to repay the Loan with interest shall be evidenced by the Note.

Section 2.04. Interest.

(a) Until the principal amount thereof and all interest thereon shall be paid in full (whether by demand, stated maturity, acceleration or otherwise), all principal sums outstanding under the Note shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. Interest shall be calculated on each Reporting Date for the immediately preceding Interest Period at the Interest Rate and on the basis of a year of 360 days based upon the actual number of days elapsed; provided, that, for the first six Reporting Dates, if no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Borrower so elects, that portion of the interest exceeding a rate of 12.0% per annum (the "PIK Interest") shall be added to the principal balance of the Loan, and such PIK Interest will then accrue interest at the Interest Rate; provided, that, when PIK Interest is calculated on a Reporting Date which coincides with a Payment Date and Collections are available to pay any or all of such PIK Interest after payment of any amounts set forth in Subsections 5.02(a) through (d), such Collections will be applied to pay such PIK Interest and the amount of PIK Interest paid will not be added to the principal balance of the Loan. That portion of the interest equal to a rate of 12.0% per annum (the "Cash Pay Interest") will be payable to the Agent on the next succeeding Payment Date. On the seventh Reporting Date and each Reporting Date thereafter, interest shall be calculated on the then outstanding balance of the Loan at the Interest Rate and the amount of interest shall be payable by the Borrower on the next succeeding Payment Date.

(b) All accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan as of the end of each Interest Period shall be payable in arrears quarterly on the related Payment Date during the term of this Agreement.

Section 2.05. Repayment. The Loan shall be repaid by the Borrower in accordance with Article V hereof; provided, that all Obligations shall be due and payable in full on the Maturity Date or, if earlier, the date of demand therefor under Section 10.01 hereof.

Section 2.06. Prepayment. The Borrower may at its option prepay the Loan in whole at any time but not in part; provided, that, any prepayment of the Loan prior to the six month anniversary of the Closing Date shall require that the Borrower (i) prepay the Loan in full, (ii) pay all accrued and unpaid interest (other than PIK Interest that shall have been added to the principal of the Loan and shall be paid under the foregoing clause (i)) on the Loan, and (iii) pay a prepayment premium in an amount (not less than zero) equal to the excess, if any, of (A) six months' interest on the amount of the Loan on the Closing Date at the Interest Rate over (B) any interest on the Loan theretofore paid in cash. The foregoing sentence shall apply to any voluntary prepayments and to any Mandatory Repayments pursuant to Section 5.04.

Section 2.07. Taxes.

(a) All payments by the Borrower of principal of, and interest on, the Loan and all other amounts payable hereunder and under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without deduction for any Taxes. In the event that any withholding or deduction from any payment to be made by the Borrower hereunder is required with respect to any Taxes pursuant to any applicable law, then the Borrower will (a) pay directly to the relevant authority the full amount required to be so withheld or deducted; (b) promptly forward to the Agent an official receipt or other documentation satisfactory to the Agent evidencing such payment to such authority; and (c) pay to the Agent for the account of the Agent or such Lender such additional amount or amounts as is necessary to ensure that the net amount actually received by the Agent or such Lender will equal the full amount the Agent or such Lender would have received had no such withholding or deduction been required. Moreover, if any Taxes are directly asserted against the Agent or any Lender with respect to any payment received by the Agent or such Lender hereunder, the Agent or such Lender may pay such Taxes and the Borrower will promptly pay such additional amounts (including any penalties, interest or expenses) as is necessary in order that the net amount received by such Person after the payment of such Taxes (including any Taxes on such additional amount) shall equal the amount such Person would have received had such Taxes not been asserted.

(b) If the Borrower fails to pay any Taxes referred to above when due to the appropriate taxing authority or fails to remit to the Agent, for the account of the Agent or any Lender, the required receipts or other required documentary evidence, the Borrower shall indemnify the Agent or such Lender for any incremental Taxes, interest or penalties that may become payable by the Agent and such Lender as a result of any such failure. For purposes of this Section, a distribution hereunder by the Agent or any Lender to or for the account of the Agent or any Lender shall be deemed a payment by the Borrower.

(c) Each Lender which is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the United States shall, (i) on the day that such Lender becomes a lender and a party to this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and (ii) from time to time thereafter if requested by the Borrower or the Agent, provide the Agent and the Borrower with the forms prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States certifying as to such Lender's status for

purposes of determining exemption from United States withholding taxes with respect to all payments to be made to such Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents or other documents satisfactory to such Lender, the Borrower and the Agent and indicating that all payments to be made to such Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are not subject to United States withholding tax. Unless the Borrower and the Agent shall have received such forms or such documents indicating that payments to such Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are not subject to United States withholding tax, the Borrower and the Agent shall be entitled to withhold United States withholding taxes from such payments at the applicable statutory rate.

Section 2.08. Maximum Interest. It is the intention of the parties hereto to conform strictly to applicable usury laws and, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the obligations of the Borrower to each Lender under this Agreement shall be subject to the limitation that payments of interest shall not be required to the extent that receipt thereof would be contrary to provisions of law applicable to such Lender limiting rates of interest which may be charged or collected by such Lender. Accordingly, if the transactions contemplated hereby would be usurious under applicable law (including the laws of the United States, any State, or of any other jurisdiction whose laws may be mandatorily applicable) with respect to a Lender then, in that event, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, it is agreed as follows:

- (a) the provisions of this Section shall govern and control;
- (b) the aggregate of all consideration which constitutes interest under applicable law that is contracted for, charged or received under this Agreement, or under any of the other Loan Documents or otherwise in connection with this Agreement by such Lender shall under no circumstances exceed the maximum amount of interest allowed by applicable law (such maximum lawful interest rate, if any, with respect to such Lender herein called the "Highest Lawful Rate"), and any excess shall be credited to the Borrower by such Lender (or, if such consideration shall have been paid in full, such excess promptly refunded to the Borrower);
- (c) all sums paid, or agreed to be paid, to such Lender for the use, forbearance and detention of the Obligations of the Borrower to such Lender hereunder shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated and spread throughout the full term of such Obligations until payment in full so that the actual rate of interest is uniform throughout the full term thereof; and
- (d) if at any time the interest provided pursuant to Section 2.03 together with any other fees payable pursuant to this Agreement and deemed interest under applicable law, exceeds that amount which would have accrued at the Highest Lawful Rate, the amount of interest and any such fees to accrue to such Lender pursuant to this Agreement shall be limited, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, to that amount which would have accrued at the Highest Lawful Rate.

ARTICLE III

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

Section 3.01. Closing Conditions. The funding of the Loan is subject to fulfillment of the following conditions precedent, on or before the Closing Date:

(a) Receipt of Documents. The Agent shall have received each of the following documents, each dated (unless otherwise indicated) as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel:

- (i) this Agreement, executed and delivered by each party hereto;
- (ii) the Note, executed and delivered by the Borrower;
- (iii) the Control Agreements;
- (iv) the Security Agreement;
- (v) the Servicing Agreement;
- (vi) the Backup Management Letter Agreement;
- (vii) the Collective Holding Guaranty;
- (viii) each other Basic Document executed and delivered by each party thereto and all other third party license, distribution, and management agreements pursuant to which the Borrower operates, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;
- (ix) copies of any material third party agreements relating to third party obligations, contracts, and, if any, management/administration agreements for the Collateral;
- (x) each of the Schedules to this Agreement completed to the satisfaction of the Agent;
- (xi) evidence satisfactory to the Agent that all insurance coverages and all insurance clauses or endorsements required pursuant to this Agreement and the Loan Documents are in effect, together with copies of all insurance policies and endorsements except that the copyright or trademark infringement, defamation, disparagement, trade libel and other related tort claim insurance shall be delivered within 45 days after the Closing Date;
- (xii) a certificate of the Secretary of the Borrower including an attestation of such Secretary's incumbency by another duly authorized officer, certifying:

(A) that attached thereto are true and correct copies of each of the following, each of which is true, correct and complete as of the Closing Date and none of which has been amended, modified, revoked or rescinded as of the Closing Date;

(1) the LLC Agreement, including all restatements thereof and amendments thereto, certified by the Secretary of State of the State of its formation;

(2) bylaws, including all restatements thereof and amendments thereto; and

(3) resolutions authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Loan Document; and

(B) the names and the signatures of the officers authorized to sign the Loan Documents;

(xiii) good standing certificate of the Borrower in Delaware;

(xiv) written opinion of counsel to the Borrower, dated as of Closing Date, addressed to the Agent and the Lenders, as to the following matters:

(A) authorization, execution, delivery and enforceability of the LLC Agreement and the Subscription Agreement;

(B) the due organization, valid existence and good standing in the State of its organization, power, authority and licensing of the Borrower;

(C) the non-contravention of Requirements of Law or Material Agreements of the Borrower;

(D) validity and perfection of the security interest of the Agent in the Collateral;

(E) no registration or filing with the SEC is required in connection with the offering of the Membership Interests;

(F) the validity of the assignment by the Class A Members of the Collateral; and

(G) such other matters as the Agent or its counsel may reasonably request.

(xv) written opinion of counsel to the Servicer in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel;

(xvi) UCC search reports and tax lien searches for the Borrower and each of the Members;

(xvii) release of any Liens against the Class A Members including the SESAC and SunTrust Bank Liens;

(xviii) evidence satisfactory to the Agent that all actions necessary to perfect the security interests contemplated by the Security Agreement have been taken, including filing under the Copyright Act, the UCC-1 Financing Statement filed to perfect the security interests of the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, in all existing Copyrights, Licenses and other rights, and all income derived therefrom;

(xix) letters of direction signed by the Borrower and each of the Class A Members, as applicable, for purposes of re-directing to the Collection Account any payments that would otherwise be made to the Class A Members, in each case satisfactory to the Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

(xx) an asset valuation report of the Collateral prepared by an asset valuation specialist approved by the Agent in its reasonable discretion showing a valuation of not less than three (3) times the amount of the Loan;

(xxi) a true and correct copy of each Class A Member's Copyright or Income Right assignment;

(xxii) such other documents, agreements and statements evidencing ownership of the Collateral as the Agent may reasonably request;

(xxiii) such other documents as the Agent's counsel deems reasonably necessary to secure the Loan; and

(xxiv) the Agent shall have received such financial and other information regarding the Borrower as the Agent may reasonably request.

(b) Fees and Expenses. The Agent shall have received payment of the Origination Fee and any other fees due to the Agent and all reasonable expenses of the Agent, including the fees and expenses of its counsel and any third party costs and expenses.

(c) Material Adverse Change. No Material Adverse Change shall have occurred with respect to the Borrower.

(d) No Event of Default. On the Closing Date, the Agent shall be fully satisfied that (a) all of the covenants, conditions, warranties and representations set forth herein and in the Loan Documents have been complied with and are true and complete on and as of such time with the same effect as though such covenants, conditions, warranties and representations had been made on and as of such time, (b) no Event of Default nor any event which, upon the giving of notice and/or the lapse of time, could constitute an

Event of Default shall have occurred, and (c) the documents and matters required to be executed, delivered, opined and/or certified pursuant to Subsection 3.01(a) hereof shall be in full force and effect and/or true and complete, as the case may be.

Section 3.02. Post Closing Conditions. The admission of Additional Class A Members on the Post Closing Date is subject to fulfillment of the following conditions on the Post Closing Date:

(a) **Receipt of Documents.** The Agent shall have received each of the following documents, each dated (unless otherwise indicated) as of the Post Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel:

(i) an LLC Agreement and a Subscription Agreement executed and delivered by each Additional Class A Member together with copies of any third party agreements relating to each Additional Class A Member's Catalog including any licenses, rights of first refusal, third party administration agreements for the Catalog or Third Party Consents;

(ii) each of the Schedules to this Agreement updated to the Post Closing Date and completed to the satisfaction of the Agent including the information for each Additional Class A Member as to the Class A Member Distributions for each Additional Class A Member (calculated in accordance with the formula used to calculate the Class A Member Distributions for the Initial Class A Members) and, the extent applicable, Existing Member Advance Amounts, Rights Reserve Amounts or other amounts required to pay Liens or other encumbrances;

(iii) evidence satisfactory to the Agent that insurance covering copyright or trademark infringement, defamation, disparagement, trade libel and other related tort claim insurance has been obtained by the Borrower;

(iv) a certificate of the Secretary of the Borrower stating that (a) all of the covenants, conditions, warranties and representations set forth herein and in the Loan Documents have been complied with and are true and complete on and as of the Post Closing Date with the same effect as though such covenants, conditions, warranties and representations had been made on and as of such time, (b) no Event of Default nor any event which, upon the giving of notice and/or the lapse of time, could constitute an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and (c) no Material Adverse Change shall have occurred since the Closing Date.

(v) written opinion of counsel to the Borrower, dated as of Post Closing Date, addressed to the Agent and the Lenders, as to the following matters:

(A) authorization, execution, delivery and enforceability of LLC Agreement and the Subscription Agreement;

(B) the due organization, valid existence and good standing in the State of its organization, power, authority and licensing of the Borrower;

(C) the non-contravention of Requirements of Law or Material Agreements of the Borrower;

(D) no registration or filing with the SEC is required in connection with the offering of the Membership Interests to the Additional Class A Members;

(E) the validity of the assignment by the Additional Class A Members of the applicable Collateral; and

(F) such other matters as the Agent or its counsel may reasonably request.

(vi) UCC search reports, judgment and tax lien searches for each of the Additional Class A Members;

(vii) release of any Liens against the Additional Class A Members;

(viii) Letters of Direction signed by the Borrower and each of the Additional Class A Members, as applicable, for purposes of re-directing to the Collection Account any payments that would otherwise be made to the Additional Class A Members, in each case satisfactory to the Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

(ix) an asset valuation report of the Collateral prepared by an asset valuation specialist approved by the Agent in its reasonable discretion showing a Loan to value ratio for the Catalogs of the Additional Class A Members substantially similar to the Loan to value ratio for the Catalogs of the Initial Class A Members as approved by the Agent in its sole discretion;

(x) a true and correct copy of each Additional Class A Member's Copyright or Income Right assignment;

(xi) such other documents, agreements and statements evidencing ownership of the Additional Class A Member's Catalog as the Agent may reasonably request;

(xii) such other documents as the Agent's counsel deems reasonably necessary to secure the Loan; and

(xiii) the Agent shall have received such financial and other information regarding the Borrower as the Agent may reasonably request.

(b) Fees and Expenses. The Agent shall have received payment of all reasonable expenses of the Agent incurred between the Closing Date and the Post Closing Date, including the fees and expenses of its counsel and any third party costs and expenses.

(c) Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment. The Agent shall have received payment of any Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment.

(d) Material Adverse Change. No Material Adverse Change shall have occurred with respect to the Borrower.

(e) No Event of Default. No Event of Default nor any event which, upon the giving of notice and/or the lapse of time, could constitute an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

ARTICLE IV

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Section 4.01. Administration of Collateral. The Borrower shall perform the Management Services in accordance with its fiduciary duties set forth in the LLC Agreement. Upon the occurrence of a Backup Manager Triggering Event, the Agent may notify the Borrower that these functions will thereafter be performed by the Backup Manager in accordance with the terms of the Backup Management Letter Agreement.

ARTICLE V

ACCOUNTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 5.01. Accounts.

(a) The Borrower shall, prior to the Closing Date, establish and maintain the Accounts each in the name of "The Songwriters Collective, LLC for the benefit of Fortress Credit Opportunities I LP, as Agent" (or such other name as agreed upon by the Borrower and the Agent). All amounts (and Permitted Investments) from time to time on deposit in the Accounts shall constitute part of the Collateral. The Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Agent; provided, that, the Borrower may make deposits to, and until an Event of Default has occurred, direct the Control Bank in writing to make withdrawals from the Accounts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Control Agreements. In the event that either Control Bank is no longer an Eligible Institution, the Borrower shall, with the assistance of the applicable Control Bank cause the applicable Account to be moved to an Eligible Institution reasonably acceptable to the Agent and the Borrower.

(b) To the extent permitted by applicable laws, rules and regulations, the Borrower shall direct all amounts held in the Accounts to be invested by the Control Bank in Permitted Investments selected in writing by the Borrower or maintained in cash. Earnings on investment of funds in the Accounts (net of losses and investment expenses) shall be deposited into the Collection Account on the related Payment Date.

Section 5.02. Distributions. On each Payment Date, the Servicer is required to direct the Collection Account Bank to distribute all Collections for the related Collection Period on deposit in the Collection Account in the following order and priority:

- (a) the fees of each of the Control Banks, the Backup Manager Tier One Fees and the Lenders expenses incurred in relation to Section 10.03, if any;
- (b) to the Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, for the payment of accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan at the applicable Interest Rate as provided in Section 2.04;
- (c) to the Servicer, for the payment of the Servicer Fee;
- (d) to Class A Members, an amount equal to the aggregate tax allocation amounts allocable for the payment of income taxes arising from Membership Interests in the Borrower, if any; and
- (e) PIK Interest, if any, calculated with respect to such Payment Date;
- (f) any remaining amounts for distribution as follows: (i) fifty percent (50%) of the remaining amount will be distributed to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, which amount may be, at the option of the Borrower, (A) deposited to an interest bearing account and held by the Agent as security for the Loan or (B) applied to the Outstanding Balance of the Loan and (ii) fifty percent (50%) of the remaining amount to be applied first in payment of the Backup Manager Tier Two Fee (subject to any cap set forth in the Backup Management Agreement, if applicable) and any thereafter any remaining amount to the Borrower; provided, that, following the occurrence and during continuance of an Event of Default or Triggering Event, all remaining amounts shall be paid to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, to be applied to the Outstanding Balance of the Loan and any other Obligations due hereunder.

Section 5.03. Insurance Proceeds. Upon receipt, the Borrower shall remit to the Agent proceeds of any insurance relating to the Collateral to the extent that the insurance proceeds represent amounts that would have been Collections if such amounts had been received during a Collection Period. The Agent shall apply such Insurance Proceeds in repayment of the Loan by application of such Insurance Proceeds, first to any accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan and then in reduction of the Outstanding Balance of the Loan.

Section 5.04. Mandatory Repayments.

- (a) Notwithstanding the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, the Borrower shall be permitted to obtain a release of Collateral in connection with a Membership Buyout and the Lien of the Agent on the Collateral shall be released upon receipt of payment by the Agent of the Class A Member Debt plus interest together with the premium, if any, applicable to a prepayment prior to the six month anniversary of the Closing Date and a prepayment premium equal to twenty percent of the Class A Member's share of the Class A Member Debt (a "Class A Debt Mandatory Repayment"). Upon the occurrence of a Membership Buyout and the payment of the amount of the Class A Debt Mandatory Repayment, the Borrower shall make a repayment of the Loan

in such amount; provided, that, neither Annie Roboff nor Thomas McHugh shall be permitted to exercise a Membership Buyout for a period of six months following the Closing Date. Upon any such release, the Agent will, promptly at the Borrower's expense, execute and deliver to the Borrower such documents, and take such other action as the Borrower shall reasonably request to evidence such release.

(b) In the event that (i) no Additional Class A Members become Members of the Borrower on the Post Closing Date, the Borrower shall make a repayment of the Loan in an amount equal to the Class A Member Unallocated Amount or (ii) Additional Class A Members are admitted on the Post Closing Date and the Class A Member Unallocated Amount exceeds the Additional Class A Member Amount, an amount equal to such excess shall be paid by the Borrower to the Agent, and in each case the Borrower shall direct that such amount be paid to the Agent from the Reserve Account (each, a "Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment").

(c) Upon receipt of a Mandatory Repayment, the Agent shall apply such amount in repayment of the Loan, first to any accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan or any fees relating thereto and then in reduction of the Outstanding Balance of the Loan.

ARTICLE VI

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 6.01. Representations And Warranties. To induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement, and the related documentation and to make the Loan hereunder, the Borrower hereby severally represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders as of the Closing Date as follows (each of which such representation and warranty shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement):

(a) State of Incorporation and Legal Name. The Borrower's state of organization and exact legal name are set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

(b) Existence. The Borrower is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of its organization, has the power to own its property and to carry on its business and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the character of the properties owned by it therein or in which the transaction of its business makes such qualification necessary except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Power and Authority; Authorization. The Borrower has the requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the enter into this Agreement, to make the borrowings hereunder, to execute and deliver the Loan Documents and the Basic Documents to which it is a party and to carry out the terms and provisions thereof on its part to be performed and to own, pledge, mortgage, lease and operate its properties and conduct the business in which it is engaged. The Borrower has all requisite limited liability company other power, and has all governmental licenses, authorizations,

consents and approvals necessary to own its assets and carry on its business as now being or as proposed to be conducted, except where the lack of such licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals would not be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect. The execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Loan Documents and each Basic Document to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated thereby and the granting of the security interests and the borrowings contemplated thereby have been duly authorized by all necessary limited liability company or other action on the part of the Borrower.

(d) Enforceability. Each Loan Document and each Basic Document to which the Borrower is a party has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and by general equitable principles regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law.

(e) No Violation, Conflict or Liens. Neither the execution or delivery of the Loan Documents or the Basic Documents to which it is a party nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, nor compliance with the provisions thereof, will (i) violate any provision of the organizational documents of the Borrower or any Requirement of Law, (ii) conflict with, or result in the breach of, or constitute a default under, any material indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, agreement or other instrument or contractual obligation to which the Borrower is a party or by which it or any of its property may be bound or affected, including the Material Agreements, or (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon any property of the Borrower thereunder, other than Permitted Liens.

(f) No Litigation. There is no pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened, action, suit or other proceeding by or against the Borrower before any court, arbitrator or other Governmental Authority that (i) individually or in the aggregate, if adversely determined, could reasonably be likely to have a material adverse effect or (ii) would require, if the Borrower were a reporting company for the purposes of the Exchange Act, filing with the SEC in accordance with the Exchange Act, or the rules of the SEC promulgated thereunder (other than those filings on file with the SEC).

(g) Tax Liability. The Borrower and, to the best knowledge of the Borrower after due inquiry, each Class A Member receiving a Class A Member Distribution on the Closing Date, has timely filed or caused to be filed all material tax returns (federal, state and local) that are required to be filed or has timely requested requests for extensions which are routinely granted, and the Borrower and each such Class A Member has paid all Taxes, including those which have become due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessments made against it or any of its properties, as the case may be, and all other Taxes or other charges imposed on it or any of its properties by any Governmental Authority, except for any such Taxes as are being appropriately contested in good faith and appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and with respect to which adequate

reserves have been provided so long as no Liens in respect thereof have been filed. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Borrower in respect of Taxes and other governmental charges are, in the opinion of the Borrower, accurate. To the knowledge of the Borrower, no Liens have been filed with respect to any of its property or the property of any Class A Member, in respect of the foregoing.

(h) Place of Business. The Borrower's principal place of business and chief executive office is located at the Business Premises and the Borrower has such other business locations as are set forth on Schedule VII. The Borrower will not change the location of the Business Premises or open additional business locations (other than those locations heretofore disclosed to Agent) without 30 days prior written notice to the Agent.

(i) Financial Information. All financial statements, schedules, reports and other information supplied to the Agent by or on behalf of the Borrower heretofore and hereafter are and will be true and complete.

(j) Licenses and Permits. The Borrower has duly obtained and now holds all licenses, permits, certifications, approvals and the like required by federal, state and local laws of the jurisdictions in which the Borrower conducts its business, except where the lack of such licenses, permits, certificates, approvals and the like would not be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect and each remains valid and in full force and effect.

(k) Copyright Assignments. The Borrower has acquired from each Class A Member all right, title and interest of the Class A Member now known or existing, or which may hereinafter come into existence or be acquired, in all of the Compositions set forth on Schedule V to this Agreement and has obtained all consents to assignment required under the terms thereof, as more particularly set forth, and except as otherwise provided, on Schedule V, including, all titles, words and music thereof, any and all Copyrights (whether registered or unregistered) and the full and unlimited right in any case to secure Copyright registrations therein to any unregistered Compositions, whether any of the foregoing items is now or hereafter owned beneficially or of record and whether now or hereafter owned individually, jointly or otherwise, and in connection with all of the foregoing, all other applications and other pending items, all income, accounts, license royalties, general intangibles and other payment intangibles, any and all claims or causes of action whether asserted or not relating thereto, any and all current or future income streams emanating therefrom, all proceeds of infringement suits and other proceeds, all rights to sue for past, present and future infringement, all rights corresponding thereto throughout the world, and any and all reissues, divisions, continuations, renewals, extensions, derivative works and other rights of Copyright thereof, all in the Borrower's name (including, without limitation, during the pendency of any bankruptcy-related proceeding), together, in each case, with all products and proceeds thereof, all collections, payments and other distributions and realizations with respect thereto, any and all other rights, powers, privileges, remedies and interests of the Class A Member therein, thereto or thereunder; but excluding the right, title and interest

in any proceeds resulting from any ongoing audit as of the date of the acquisition by the Borrower.

(l) Assignment of Rights of Income. The Borrower has acquired from each Class A Member all right, title and interest, now known or existing, or which may hereinafter come into existence or be acquired, of the Class A Member in and to all income, accounts, License royalties, general intangibles and other payment intangibles and any and all current or future income streams emanating therefrom generated by the Compositions (collectively, the "Rights to Income") as more particularly set forth, and except as otherwise provided, on Schedule VI, in each case, whether any of the foregoing items is now or hereafter owned beneficially or of record and whether now or hereafter owned individually, jointly or otherwise, together with the products and proceeds thereof, to all collections, payments and other distributions and realizations with respect thereto, any and all other rights, powers, privileges, remedies and interests of the Class A Member therein, thereto or thereunder

(m) Title to Rights. (i) The Compositions are wholly originals of the applicable Class A Members, susceptible of copyright and other protection throughout the world; (ii) The Compositions do not and will not infringe upon or violate the copyrights, property or privacy rights or any other rights whatsoever of any person or entity; (iii) The Borrower has no notice of an adverse claim, and to the best of the Borrower's knowledge, after due inquiry, no adverse claim exists, with respect to any of the Compositions and/or Rights to Income; (iv) The Borrower owns and controls the Compositions and Rights to Income to the extent of its interest therein and any and all rights throughout the world, subject to any pre-existing publishing agreement with respect to the Compositions listed on Schedule V; (v) The Compositions and Rights to Income are owned by the Borrower, with a good and marketable title thereto, free and clear of all Liens.

(n) Certain Indebtedness. The Borrower does not have any Indebtedness. The Borrower does not provide, nor maintain any plans which provide, deferred compensation, severance, or medical or other welfare benefits that extend beyond the date of an employee's termination of employment except as required by law or which meet the requirements of Section 401 et. seq. of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(o) Broker's or Finder's Commissions. Except for the fees payable on the Closing Date to UCC Capital, Inc. and to the Agent, no broker's or finder's fee or commission is or will be payable in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, and the Borrower agrees to save harmless and indemnify the Agent from and against any claim, demand, action, suit, proceeding or liability for any such fee or commission, including any costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Agent in connection therewith. The provisions of this Subsection shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of all other Obligations.

(p) Regulation U. The Borrower does not own or presently intend to acquire any "margin stock" as defined in Regulation U (12 CFR Part 221) of the Board of

Governors of the Federal Reserve System. None of the proceeds of the Loan hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock or for the purpose of reducing or retiring any indebtedness which was originally incurred to purchase or carry a margin stock or for any other purpose which might cause this transaction to be deemed a "purpose credit" within the meaning of Regulation U. Neither the Borrower nor any agent acting on its behalf has taken or will take any action which might cause this Agreement to violate Regulation U or any other regulation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or to violate the Exchange Act, in each case as in effect now or as the same may hereafter be in effect.

(q) Patents, Trademarks, etc. The Borrower owns, possesses or has the right to use all necessary patents, patent rights, licenses, trademarks, trade names, trade name rights, and franchises to conduct its business as now conducted, without any known conflict with any patent, patent right, license, trademark, trademark rights, trade name right, trade name, copyright or franchise right of any other person.

(r) The Investment Company Act. The Borrower is not, nor is it controlled by, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act.

(s) Borrower Solvent. The Borrower is Solvent, and neither the performance by the Borrower of the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents nor the fulfillment of the terms thereof by the Borrower will impair the Borrower's status as being Solvent.

(t) Collection Account. The Borrower and each Class A Member, as applicable, have notified the parties making payments to it with respect to the Collateral to send the payments directly to the Collection Account and such notices assign such payments to the Borrower and will cause such payments to be made directly to the Borrower.

(u) Royalties. The information provided to the Agent by the Borrower and the Class A Members as to the Royalty Receipts during the five years preceding the Closing Date are true and accurate.

(v) SESAC Agreement. The SESAC Agreement is a valid agreement of the Borrower and the Borrower is not in breach of the SESAC Agreement nor is it aware of any potential breaches thereof.

(w) Private Placement. The Borrower has complied with all securities laws in connection with the offering of the Membership Interests to the Class A Members.

(x) Existing Member Advances. The information set forth on Schedule III is true and correct. The Schedule reflects all Existing Member Advances known to the Borrower after due inquiry and there are no other outstanding advances to the Class A Members from any performing rights society, subpublisher, printer or other person, firm or corporation.

(y) Class A Member Distributions. Schedule II accurately reflects the Class A Member Distributions, such amounts have been approved by the Class A Members and represent substantially the same pro rata amounts as would be used to determine the amount of the Class A Member Debt applicable to a Member Buyout.

(z) Insurance. The Borrower maintains or will obtain within 45 days of the Closing Date, appropriate insurance (as determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors) covering all material assets, properties and risks including any and all potential claims, actions and suits or other proceedings relating to copyright infringement, defamation, disparagement, trade libel or other related tort claims, any right of privacy or right of publicity claims and any and all other claims or potential claims in connection with any Compositions, Licenses or Catalogs, in such types and amounts and covering such risks as are consistent with customary practices and standards of companies engaged in business and operations similar to the Borrower. The policies name the Borrower and the Agent on behalf of the Lenders, as beneficiaries thereunder.

(aa) Tax Treatment. The Borrower is treated as a partnership for tax purposes.

(bb) Basic Documents. The Borrower has been provided with true and complete copies of the Basic Documents.

(cc) Marketing Materials. The Marketing Materials are the only written materials which were used by the Borrower in connection with the sale of the Membership Interests to the Class A Members. To the best knowledge of the Borrower, the Marketing Materials do not contain any material misstatement nor is there an omission of any material fact therefrom. No other material representations or statements were made by the Borrower to a Class A Member in connection with the sale of the Membership Interests.

ARTICLE VII

AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Section 7.01. Affirmative Covenants. Until all of the Obligations have been paid in full, the Borrower will, unless otherwise agreed to by the Majority Lenders:

(a) Financial Statements. Furnish to the Agent in writing; (a) as soon as available, but in no event more than 45 days after the close of each fiscal quarter during each fiscal year, the balance sheet, profit and loss statement and statement of cash flow of the Borrower as of the close of such period, all as prepared and certified by the chief financial officer or other duly authorized officer; (b) as soon as available, but in no event more than 90 days after the close of each fiscal year, a copy of the annual financial statement of the Borrower, prepared in accordance with GAAP and audited by an independent certified public accountant satisfactory to the Agent, which financial statement shall include a balance sheet of the Borrower as of the end of such fiscal year and a statement of income and changes in ownership of the Borrower for such fiscal year and a statement (including all calculations) that the Borrower is in compliance with all of

the covenants contained herein and, if not, stating the facts with respect thereto and certifying that no Event of Default exists or is believed to exist; and (c) such additional information, reports or statements as the Agent may from time to time reasonably request.

(b) Taxes. Pay and discharge all taxes, assessments and governmental charges upon the Borrower, its income and properties, prior to the date on which penalties attach thereto unless and to the extent only that the same are being diligently contested by the Borrower in good faith in the normal course of business by appropriate proceedings, provided, however, that: (a) the Agent shall have been given reasonable prior written notice of intention to contest; (b) nonpayment of the same will not, in the Agent's reasonable discretion, materially impair any of the Collateral or the Agent's rights or remedies with respect thereto or the prospect for full and punctual payment of all of the Obligations; (c) the Borrower at all times effectively stays or prevents any official or judicial sale of or action or filing against any of the Collateral by reason of nonpayment of the same; and (d) the Borrower establishes reasonable reserves for any liabilities being contested and for expenses arising out of such contest.

(c) Limited Liability Company Existence, Continuation of Business and Compliance with Laws. Maintain its limited liability company existence in good standing; continue its business operations as now being conducted; and comply in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and orders unless and to the extent only that the validity or applicability thereof is being diligently contested by the Borrower in good faith by appropriate proceedings, provided, however, that: (a) the Agent shall have been given reasonable prior written notice of intention to contest; (b) such noncompliance will not, in the Agent's sole discretion, materially impair any of the Collateral or the Agent's rights or remedies with respect thereto or the prospect for full and punctual payment of all of the Obligations; (c) the Borrower at all times effectively stays or prevents any official or judicial sale of or action or filing against any of the Collateral by reason of such noncompliance; and (d) the Borrower establishes reasonable reserves for any liabilities or expenses which may arise out of such noncompliance and contest.

(d) Civil and Criminal Proceedings. Promptly notify the Agent in writing of (a) the filing of any criminal referral form or the threatened in writing or actual commencement of a criminal proceeding or investigation or (b) any action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity by or before any court, governmental agency or instrumentality which could result in any material adverse change in the business, operations, prospects, properties or assets or in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Borrower.

(e) Extraordinary Loss. Promptly notify the Agent in writing of any event causing extraordinary loss or depreciation of the value of the Borrower's assets (whether or not insured) and the facts with respect thereto.

(f) Books and Records. Keep and maintain at the Business Premises proper and current books and records in accordance with GAAP and permit access by the Agent

to, reproduction by the Agent of and copying by the Agent from, such books and records during normal business hours and upon reasonable prior notice. All reasonable costs and expenses of such inspections and examinations shall be paid by the Borrower.

(g) Conferences with Officers. Permit the Agent to discuss the Borrower's affairs, finances and accounts with any officers or accountants of the Borrower.

(h) Patents, Franchises, etc. Maintain, preserve and protect all patents, franchises, trademarks and trade names of the Borrower or licensed by Borrower which are necessary to the conduct of the business of the Borrower as now conducted, free of any conflict with the rights of any other person.

(i) Insurance. Maintain with duly licensed insurers and in amounts satisfactory to the Agent insurance covering all material assets, properties and risks including any and all potential claims, actions and suits or other proceedings relating to copyright or trademark infringement, defamation, disparagement, trade libel or other related tort claims, any right of privacy or right of publicity claims and any and all other claims or potential claims in connection with any Compositions, Licenses or Catalogs, in such types and amounts and covering such risks as are consistent with customary practices and standards of companies engaged in business and operations similar to the Borrower and naming the Borrower and the Agent on behalf of the Lenders, as beneficiaries thereunder, except that the Borrower will not have insurance covering copyright or trademark infringement, defamation, disparagement, trade libel or other related tort claim insurance until 45 days after the Closing Date.

(j) Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. Promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, to the Agent from time to time such supplements hereto, such financing statements and other instruments and documents as may be reasonably requested by the Agent to protect and preserve the Collateral, the Agent's security interest therein and perfection of the Agent's security interest and such releases, discharges or financing statement terminations as may be necessary to remove any Liens on the Collateral.

(k) Financial Information. Deliver to the Agent promptly upon the Agent's request, and periodically if the Agent shall so require (which prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default shall not to exceed once per month), such written statements, schedules or reports (which shall be certified if required by the Agent) in such form, containing such information and accompanied by such documents as may be satisfactory to the Agent from time to time concerning the Collateral, the Borrower's financial condition or business operations or any other matter or matters, including, without limitation, copies of federal, State and local tax returns of the Borrower, and permit the Agent, its agents and designees, to discuss the Borrower's financial condition and business operations with the Borrower's senior officers.

(l) Notice of Event of Default. Immediately notify the Agent in writing of the occurrence of any Event of Default or any event or existing condition which, with the giving of notice and/or the lapse of time, could constitute an Event of Default or which

might materially and adversely affect the financial conditions or operations of the Borrower and the facts with respect thereto.

(m) ERISA. If at any time the Borrower has any employee benefit plan, the Borrower shall: (a) at all times maintain such employee benefit plan in conformity with the applicable provisions of ERISA and other federal statutes relating to employee benefit plans; (b) at all times make prompt payments of contributions required to meet the minimum funding standards set forth in Sections 302 and 305 of ERISA with respect to each such plan; (c) if requested by the Agent, promptly after the filing thereof, furnish to the Agent copies of each annual report required to be filed pursuant to Section 103 of ERISA in connection with each such plan for each plan year, including any certified financial statements or actuarial statements required pursuant to said Section 103; (d) notify the Agent immediately of any fact, including, without limitation, any "Reportable Event" (as that term is defined in Section 4043(b) of ERISA) arising in connection with any such plan which might constitute grounds for the termination thereof by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or for the appointment by the appropriate United States District Court of a trustee to administer the plan; and (e) furnish to the Agent, promptly upon its request therefor, such additional information concerning any such plan as the Agent may request.

(n) Continuance of Business. Continue to operate the business as presently conducted and in accordance with the terms of the LLC Agreement. The Borrower will not acquire or operate any other business enterprise without the Agent's prior consent.

(o) Document Delivery. The Borrower shall deliver copies of all agreements relating to the Compositions and Rights to Income to the Agent on the Closing Date and on the Post Closing Date, as applicable, and shall make copies of all such agreements available to the Agent for inspection prior thereto.

(p) Take-Out Financing. The Borrower shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to execute a Take-Out Financing and immediately upon receipt will deliver to the Agent the proceeds of any Take-Out Financing in an amount sufficient to pay the related Obligations; provided that to the extent such proceeds exceed the Obligations of the Borrower to the Agent hereunder, the Borrower shall deliver a portion of the proceeds sufficient to satisfy such Obligations.

(q) Deposits to the Collection Account. On each Business Day following the receipt thereof, the Borrower shall remit, or if applicable, cause each Class A Member to remit, all payments received from whatever source relating to the Collateral into the Collection Account including any payments made to the Borrower in connection with a Membership Buyout.

(r) Reserve Account. The Borrower shall only apply amounts on deposit in the Reserve Account for payment of (i) Existing Member Advance Amounts, (ii) Class A Member Distributions, (iii) Rights Reserve Amounts, (iv) on a monthly basis, operating expenses for the next succeeding month and other contemplated uses of the Borrower set forth on Schedule IV, (v) Take-Out Financing expenses including paying interest in the

event of a shortfall in Collections for the related Collection Period, provided, that the aggregate amount used to pay such expenses when added to the Remaining Take-Out Financing Expense Amount does not exceed the Maximum Take-Out Financing Expenses set forth on Schedule IV, (vi) a Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment, if any, and (vii) Deferred Expenses from Excess Additional Class A Member Amounts and Excess Existing Member Advance Amounts, if any, each of the foregoing at the time and in the manner, and subject to the applicable conditions, set forth in Section 2.02.

(s) Royalty Receipt Statements. Promptly upon receipt the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent copies of Royalty Receipt statements received from third party payors.

(t) UCC Lien Searches and Copyright Filings. On the Post Closing Date the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent (i) copies of UCC Lien searches, dated within 14 days of the date of delivery, containing the search results for each Class A Member, including each such members "doing business as" name or names and any entity names that such member utilized in conducting business relating to the Collateral, in each jurisdiction where such Class A Member resided or a related entity was located or had its principal place of business, in each case during the five years preceding the Closing Date or such other evidence satisfactory to the Agent that no liens exist on the Collateral and (ii) copies of the Copyright assignments from each of the Class A Members file stamped by the Library of Congress; provided that, with respect to the Additional Class A Members, such file stamped Copyright assignments shall be delivered within 60 days of the Post Closing Date.

(u) Offering of Membership Interests. The Borrower shall comply with all applicable Securities Laws in connection with any offering of additional Membership Interests; provided, however, that a sale of any additional Membership Interests will only be effected upon repayment of the Obligations hereunder in full.

(v) Consents. The Borrower shall obtain with respect to each Class A Member the applicable Third Party Consents together with each Class A Member's signature to the LLC Agreement for delivery to the Agent within 30 days of the Closing Date. The assignment by such Class A Member to the Borrower absent such Third Party Consent shall not have a material adverse effect on the rights of the Lender in the Collateral.

(w) Termination of Certain Agreements. The Borrower shall promptly notify the Agent of the termination of the Backup Copyright Administration Agreement.

(x) Letters of Direction. The Borrower shall promptly mail the Letters of Direction via United States certified mail, return receipt requested and shall promptly notify the Agent of any undeliverable or returned Letters of Direction, the failure by a third party obligor to execute and return any Letters of Direction or any disputes with third party obligors regarding the Letters of Direction.

ARTICLE VIII

NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Section 8.01. Negative Covenants. The Borrower covenants and agrees with the Agent that, until (a) all Obligations have been paid in full and (b) there exists no commitment by the Lenders which could give rise to any Obligations, the Borrower will not, directly or indirectly, without the Agent's prior written consent:

(a) Indebtedness. Create, incur, assume or permit to exist, directly or indirectly, any Indebtedness except: (a) Indebtedness to the Lenders; (b) trade Indebtedness (which shall not include any borrowing, trade acceptance or notes given in settlement of trade Indebtedness) or Indebtedness otherwise incurred in connection with Permitted Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business; and (c) Indebtedness set forth on Schedule IV and any other Indebtedness which shall be consented to by the Agent in writing in advance, in the Agent's sole but reasonable discretion, and if required by the Agent, subordinated to the Obligations by a written agreement satisfactory to the Agent in form and substance.

(b) Liens. Create, incur, assume or permit to exist, directly or indirectly, any Lien upon any of the Borrower's properties or assets, now owned by the Borrower including any Liens existing at the time of acquisition of Collateral by the Borrower from a Class A Member, other than Permitted Liens.

(c) Merger. Enter into or be a party to any merger, consolidation, reorganization or exchange of stock or assets.

(d) Sale of Assets, etc. Other than in connection with any Membership Buyouts, sell, assign, transfer, convey or lease any of the Copyrights or any interest in all or any substantial part of its property except in the ordinary course of the Borrower's business as now being conducted, or purchase or otherwise acquire all or substantially all of the assets of any other Person or Persons or any shares of stock of, or similar interest in, any other Person or Persons.

(e) Investments. Except for special purpose entities created in connection with a Take-Out Financing, make any capital contribution to any other Person or purchase or acquire a beneficial interest in any stock, securities or evidences of Indebtedness of, or make any investment or acquire any interest in, any other Person.

(f) Fiscal Year. Change the Borrower's fiscal year.

(g) Subsidiaries. Except for special purpose entities created in connection with a Take-Out Financing, organize or cause to exist any Subsidiaries without the Agent's prior written consent, which consent may be conditioned, without limitation, upon the granting by such Subsidiary of a guarantee of payment of the Note and all other indebtedness of the Borrower to the Lenders. The Agent shall have the right at any time and from time to time at its sole discretion to require any existing Subsidiaries to guarantee the Obligations.

(h) Change of Name or Jurisdiction of Organization. Change the name of the Borrower or its jurisdiction of organization.

(i) Trade Names. Use any trade name other than the Borrower's true corporate name.

(j) ERISA Compliance. Engage, directly or indirectly, in any non-exempt prohibited transaction (as defined in Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code; incur any "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived; or terminate any pension plan in a manner which could result in the imposition of a Lien on the property of the Borrower pursuant to Section 4068 of ERISA.

(k) Distributions to Members. Except for the Class A Member Distributions and any payments permitted under Section 5.02(d), directly or indirectly make any distribution with respect to (whether by reduction of capital or otherwise), any member interest or make any advances or loans to members.

(l) Use of Proceeds. Use the proceeds of the Loan for any purpose other than as set forth in Sections 2.01 and 2.02.

(m) Sale of Additional Membership Interests. Except for any Membership Buyouts or Additional Class A Members approved by the Agent, admit any additional Members or otherwise convey, transfer, assign, pledge or otherwise encumber any of interest in the Borrower to any Person.

(n) Loans and Guaranties. Loan or make advances to any other Person or guarantee, indorse or otherwise be or become liable or contingently liable in connection with the obligations or Indebtedness of any other Person, firm or corporation, directly or indirectly, except:

(i) as an endorser of negotiable instruments for the payment of money deposited to the Borrower's bank account for collection in the ordinary course of business;

(ii) trade credit extended in the ordinary course of the Borrower's business; or

(iii) advances made in the usual course of business to officers and employees of the Borrower for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them on behalf of the Borrower in connection with such business.

(o) Exit Transaction. The Borrower shall not enter into an Exit Transaction without the prior written consent of the Agent in its sole and absolute discretion.

(p) LLC Agreement. The Borrower shall not amend the LLC Agreement in any manner which adversely affects the ability of the Borrower to repay the Outstanding Balance of the Loan or impairs the Collateral without the prior written consent of the Agent in its sole and absolute discretion; provided, that, any proposed amendment shall

be distributed to the Agent five Business Days prior to distribution to the Members and if the Agent has not objected to the proposed amendment within three Business Days of receipt thereof, the Agent shall be deemed to have no objection to the proposed amendment.

(q) Voluntary Withdrawal. The Borrower shall not permit any Member to voluntarily withdraw from the LLC Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Section 9.01. Events Of Default. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default":

(a) Failure to Pay. The failure of the Borrower to (i) pay any of the Obligations (including any failure by the Borrower to deliver, or cause to be delivered by any Class A Member, to the Collection Account for distribution to or for the account of a Lender, any amounts received by the Borrower or a Class A Member and required to be delivered to the Collection Account pursuant to this Agreement but excluding any failure by the Borrower to pay on any Payment Date due to the failure of the Servicer to comply with Section 5.02) as and when due and payable, and such failure shall have continued for a period of two Business Days or (ii) to make a Post Closing Date Mandatory Repayment, if any, on the Post Closing Date;

(b) Reserve Account Distribution Notice. The Borrower shall make a withdrawal of (i) an Existing Member Advance Amount, a Class A Member Distribution Amount or a Rights Reserve Amount from the Reserve Account without the written consent of the Agent, (ii) monthly operating expenses or other uses in an amount or for a period other than as specified in Schedule IV or Schedule XI or (iii) the Class A Member Unallocated Amount prior to the Post Closing Date.

(c) Covenants and Agreements. The failure of the Borrower to perform or observe the requirements of (i) Sections 7.01(i), (r), (t), (v) or 8.01(n), (ii) Section 7.01(n), (o), (q) or (s) or Section 8.01(b), (c), (d), (h), (k) or (l) and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of seven Business Days, (iii) Section 7.01(p) and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of thirty Business Days or (iv) any other covenant, agreement or provision contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document on its part to be performed and such failure shall remain unremedied for a period of fifteen days;

(d) Information, Representations and Warranties. If any representation or warranty made by the Borrower or if any information contained in any financial statement, application, schedule, report or any other document given by the Borrower in connection with the Obligations, with the Collateral, or with any of the Loan Documents is not in all material respects true and accurate or if the Borrower omitted to state any material fact or any fact necessary to make such information not misleading.

(e) Default on Other Obligations. The occurrence of any default and acceleration of the maturity of any note, loan or other agreement between the Borrower and any Person other than the Agent evidencing a monetary obligation of the Borrower of \$100,000 or more.

(f) Insolvency. The Borrower shall not be Solvent or the Borrower shall be unable to pay its debts as they become due, or admit in writing to such insolvency or to such inability to pay its debts as they become due.

(g) Involuntary Bankruptcy. There shall be filed against the Borrower an involuntary petition or other pleading seeking the entry of a decree or order for relief under the Bankruptcy Code or any similar federal or state insolvency or similar laws ordering: (a) the liquidation of the Borrower or (b) a reorganization of the Borrower or the business and affairs of Borrower, or (c) the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee or similar official for the Borrower of the property of the Borrower and, in each case, the failure to have such petition or other pleading denied or dismissed within 45 calendar days from the date of filing.

(h) Voluntary Bankruptcy. The commencement by the Borrower of a voluntary case under the federal bankruptcy laws or any federal or state insolvency or similar laws or the consent by the Borrower to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian or similar official for the Borrower of any of the property of the Borrower or the making by the Borrower of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Borrower generally to pay its debts as the debts become due.

(i) Judgments, Awards. The entry of one or more judgments, orders, awards or decrees against the Borrower for more than \$100,000, and the same shall remain outstanding and not be stayed pending appeal for a period of 90 days or more, and a determination by the Agent, in good faith but in its sole discretion, that the same, when aggregated with all other judgments, orders, awards and decrees outstanding against the Borrower could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the prospect for the Agent and the Lenders to fully and punctually realize the full benefits conferred on them by this Agreement.

(j) Injunction. The injunction or restraint of the Borrower in any manner from conducting its business in whole or in part for a period of 90 days or more and a determination by the Agent, in good faith but in its sole discretion, that the same could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the prospect for the Agent and the Lenders to fully and punctually realize the full benefits conferred on them by this Agreement.

(k) Attachment by Creditors. Any assets of the Borrower shall be attached, levied upon, seized or repossessed, or come into the possession of a trustee, receiver or other custodian and a determination by the Agent, in good faith but in its sole discretion, that the same could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the

prospect for the Agent and the Lenders to fully and punctually realize the full benefits conferred on them by this Agreement.

(l) Dissolution, Merger, Consolidation, Reorganization. The voluntary or involuntary dissolution, merger, consolidation, winding up or reorganization of the Borrower or the occurrence of any action preparatory thereto.

(m) Adverse Change in Financial Condition. The determination in good faith by the Agent that a Material Adverse Change has occurred with respect to the Borrower from the conditions set forth in the most recent financial statement of the Borrower heretofore furnished to the Agent or from the condition of the Borrower as heretofore most recently disclosed to the Agent in any other manner.

ARTICLE X

RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

Section 10.01. Rights and Remedies of the Agent. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing, then if such event is (i) an Event of Default referred to in Sections 9.01(f), (g), (h) or (l) above, the unpaid principal balance of the Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest and all other Obligations then outstanding shall be automatically due and payable by the Borrower to the Agent without notice, presentment or demand or (ii) any other Event of Default, the Agent may, or acting at the direction of the Majority Lenders shall, (A) by notice to the Borrower declare the Note, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon and all other Obligations to be immediately due and payable and the same shall thereupon become immediately due and payable. Upon and after the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, Lender may, without notice or demand, exercise in any jurisdiction in which enforcement hereof is sought, in addition to the rights and remedies available to the Agent and the Lenders under the Loan Documents, the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC and all other rights and remedies available to the Agent and the Lenders under applicable law, all such rights and remedies being cumulative and enforceable alternatively, successively or concurrently.

Section 10.02. Power of Attorney. Effective upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, the Borrower hereby designates and appoints the Agent and its designees as attorney-in-fact of the Borrower, irrevocably and with power of substitution, with authority to endorse the Borrower's name on any notes, acceptances, checks, drafts, money orders, instruments or other evidences of payment or proceeds of the Collateral that may come into the Agent's possession; to execute proofs of claim and loss; to adjust and compromise any claims under insurance policies; and to perform all other acts necessary and advisable, in the Agent's sole discretion, to carry out and enforce this Agreement and the Loan Documents. All acts of said attorney or designee are hereby ratified and approved by the Borrower and said attorney or designee shall not be liable for any acts of commission or omission nor for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law unless any such acts or errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law were caused by the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the Agent or its designees. This power of attorney is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable so long as any of

the Obligations remain unpaid or unperformed or there exists any commitment by the Lenders which could give rise to any Obligations.

Section 10.03. Costs and Expenses. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Agent on demand the amount of all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Agent in consulting with counsel concerning any of its rights hereunder, under the Loan Documents or under Applicable Law, all expenses, including attorneys' fees and court costs paid or incurred by the Agent in exercising or enforcing any of its rights hereunder, under the Loan Documents or under applicable law together with interest on all such expenses paid by the Agent at the highest rate and calculated in the manner provided in the Note. The provisions of this Subsection shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the Agent's security interest under the Security Agreement and the payment of all other Obligations.

ARTICLE XI

ASSIGNMENTS; PARTICIPATIONS

Section 11.01. Assignments and Participations.

(a) A Lender may assign or participate to an Eligible Assignee all or a proportionate part of its rights and obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that in the case of such an assignment or participation to an Affiliate of the Agent that is a "United States person" as defined in the Code, no such consent shall be required. Upon the acceptance and the recording of the assignment pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section by the Agent, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Acceptance, which effective date shall be the date of acceptance thereof by the Agent, unless a later date is specified therein, (i) the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent that rights and obligations hereunder have been assigned to it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and obligations of a Lender hereunder and (ii) the Lender assignor thereunder shall, to the extent that rights and obligations hereunder have been assigned by it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, relinquish its rights and be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all or the remaining portion of the Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto).

(b) By executing and delivering an Assignment and Acceptance, the Lender assignor thereunder and the assignee thereunder confirm to and agree with each other and the other parties hereto as follows: (i) other than as provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with this Agreement or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; (ii) such assignor makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to the financial condition of the Borrower or the performance or observance by the Borrower of any of their respective obligations under this Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; (iii) such assignee confirms that it has received a copy of this Agreement, together with copies of such financial statements and other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to

make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into such Assignment and Acceptance; (iv) such assignee will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, such assigning Lender or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement; (v) such assignee confirms that it is an Eligible Assignee; (vi) except as otherwise provided in the Assignment and Acceptance, such assignee appoints and authorizes the Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise its powers under this Agreement by the terms hereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (vii) such assignee agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of this Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

(c) The Agent shall maintain at its address referred to herein a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to and accepted by it and the Lender Register. The entries in the Lender Register shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error, and the Lender, the Borrower and the Agent may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Lender Register as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Lender Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Master Servicer or any Lender at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Subject to Section 11.01(a), upon its receipt of an Assignment and Acceptance executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, the Agent shall, if such Assignment and Acceptance has been completed, accept such Assignment and Acceptance, and the Agent shall (i) then record the information contained therein in the Lender Register and (ii) give prompt notice thereof to the Borrower.

(e) Each Lender may sell participations to one or more banks or other entities in or to all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of each Loan owned by it); provided, however, that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. With respect to any participation described in this Section, the participant's rights as set forth in the agreement between such participant and the related Lender to agree to or to restrict the Lender's ability to agree to any modification, waiver or release of any of the terms of this Agreement or to exercise or refrain from exercising any powers or rights which the Lender may have under or in respect of this Agreement shall be limited to the right to consent to any of the matters set forth in Section 11.01.

(f) Nothing herein shall prohibit any Lender from pledging or assigning as Collateral any of its rights under this Agreement to any Federal Reserve Bank in accordance with applicable law and any such pledge or Collateral assignment may be made without compliance with Section 11.01(a) or 11.01(b).

ARTICLE XII

THE AGENT

Section 12.01. Authorization and Action. Each Lender on behalf of itself and its assigns, hereby designates and appoints Fortress Credit as Agent hereunder, and authorizes the Agent to take such actions as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Agent by the terms of this Agreement, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities on the part of the Agent shall be read into this Agreement or otherwise exist for the Agent. In performing its functions and duties hereunder, the Agent shall act solely as agent for the Lenders and does not assume nor shall be deemed to have assumed any obligation or relationship of trust or agency with or for the Borrower or any of its successors or assigns. The Agent shall not be required to take any action which exposes the Agent to personal liability or which is contrary to this Agreement or applicable law. The appointment and authority of the Agent hereunder shall terminate at the indefeasible payment in full of the Obligations.

Section 12.02. Delegation of Duties. The Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Agent shall not be responsible for the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of any agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.

Section 12.03. Exculpatory Provisions. Neither the Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be (i) liable to any Lender for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by it or them under or in connection with this Agreement (except for its, their or such Person's own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct or the breach of its obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement) or (ii) responsible in any manner to any Lender for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by the Borrower contained in this Agreement or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other document furnished in connection herewith, or for any failure of the Borrower to perform its obligations hereunder, or for the satisfaction of any condition specified in Article Three. The Agent shall not be under any obligation to any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements or covenants contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement, or to inspect the properties, books or records of the Borrower. The Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Agent has received written notice thereof from the Borrower or any Lender.

Section 12.04. Reliance. The Agent shall in all cases be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Agent. The Agent shall in all cases be fully justified in failing

or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other document furnished in connection herewith unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of any Lender as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by such Lender; provided, that, unless and until the Agent shall have received such advice, the Agent may take or refrain from taking any action, as the Agent shall deem advisable and in the best interests of the Lender. The Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, in accordance with a request of any Lender, and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all such Lenders.

Section 12.05. Non-Reliance on the Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by the Agent hereafter taken, including any review of the affairs of the Borrower, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Agent. Each Lender represents and warrants to the Agent that it has and will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, prospects, financial and other conditions and creditworthiness of the Borrower and made its own decision to enter into this Agreement.

Section 12.06. Reimbursement and Indemnification. The Lenders agree to reimburse and indemnify the Agent and each of its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents ratably according to their respective pro rata shares, to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Borrower for any (i) amounts for which the Agent, acting in its capacity as Agent, is entitled to reimbursement by the Borrower hereunder and (ii) other expenses incurred by the Agent, acting in its capacity as Agent and acting on behalf of the Lenders, in connection with the administration and enforcement of this Agreement; provided, however, any reimbursement or indemnification that the Lender provides as a result of the Agent acting in its capacity as Agent shall be limited to the pro rata share allocable to each Lender.

Section 12.07. Agent in its Individual Capacity. The Agent and each of its Affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower as though the Agent were not the Agent hereunder. The Agent and its Affiliates shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Agent and the terms "Lender" and "Lenders" shall include the Agent in its individual capacity.

Section 12.08. Successor Agent. The Agent will not resign hereunder unless it is legally unable to perform its duties hereunder, or upon approval of the Borrower in connection with an Assignment, in which event, the Agent will provide five days' notice to the Borrower and the Lenders. In addition, the Agent will, upon the direction of all of the Lenders (other than the Agent, in its individual capacity) resign as Agent. If the Agent shall resign, then the Majority Lenders during such five-day period shall appoint a successor agent. If for any reason no successor Agent is appointed by the Majority Lenders during such five-day period, then effective upon the expiration of such five-day period, the Lenders shall perform all of the duties of the Agent hereunder and the Borrower shall make all payments in respect of the Obligations directly to the applicable Lender and for all purposes shall deal directly with the Lenders. After any

retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as Agent, the provisions of Article Eleven and Article Thirteen shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Agent under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01. Indemnification. The Borrower agrees to hold each Indemnified Party harmless from and indemnify each Indemnified Party against any Loss relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the Notes, any other Loan Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, or any amendment, supplement or modification of, or any waiver or consent under or in respect of, this Agreement, the Notes, any other Loan Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, that, in each case, results from anything other than such Indemnified Party's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct. In any suit, proceeding or action brought by the Agent for any sum owing in connection with any Collateral, or to enforce any provisions thereof, the Borrower will save, indemnify and hold each Indemnified Party harmless from and against all Losses suffered by reason of any defense, set-off, counterclaim, recoupment or reduction or liability whatsoever of the obligor thereunder, arising out of a breach by the Borrower of any obligation thereunder or arising out of any other agreement, Obligations or liability at any time owing to or in favor of such obligor or its successors from the Borrower. The Borrower also agrees to reimburse the Agent as and when billed by the Agent for all the Agent's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or the preservation of the Agent's or any Lender's rights under this Agreement, the Notes, any other Loan Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, including without limitation the fees and disbursements of its counsel (including all reasonable fees and disbursements incurred in any action or proceeding between the Borrower and the Agent or between the Agent and any third party relating hereto). The Borrower hereby acknowledges that, notwithstanding the fact that the Loan is secured by the Collateral, the obligation of the Borrower under the Loan is a non-recourse obligation of the Borrower, except that the Loan may be recourse against the Borrower to the extent of losses and expenses incurred by the Agent as a result of fraud, material and willfully intentional breaches of representations and warranties or the filing of a voluntary bankruptcy proceeding by the Borrower.

Section 13.02. Payment of Certain Expenses. Notwithstanding any other rights that the Lenders or the Agent may have for indemnification, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Agent, for the account of the Lenders, and to hold the Agent and the Lenders harmless from and against all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Agent incurred in connection with the administration of the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents, including fees and disbursements of accountants and of counsel to the Agent and the Lenders, in connection with the Agent exercising its rights hereunder together with the reasonable costs and expenses relating to any amendments or modifications to the Basic Documents.

Section 13.03. No Waivers; Remedies Cumulative. Neither any failure nor any delay on the part of the Agent in exercising any right, power or remedy hereunder, under any of the Loan Documents or under applicable law shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right,

power or remedy. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided in this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised singularly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights, remedies, powers or privileges provided by law.

Section 13.04. Amendments; Waivers. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or otherwise supplemented except in writing signed by the parties hereto; provided, however, that, in the event a Lender makes an assignment or sells a participation pursuant to Article Eleven, this Agreement may be amended, modified or otherwise supplemented with the prior written consent of the Majority Lenders, except where such amendment, modification or supplement would have a material adverse effect. In the case of any waiver of an Event of Default, the event so waived shall be deemed to be cured and not continuing; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Event of Default, or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 13.05. Notices. Any notice or other communication in connection with this Agreement shall be, except as otherwise provided herein, in writing and delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, hand delivery, prepaid courier service or facsimile transmission, and addressed in each case as follows:

- (a) If to Borrower, at The Songwriter Collective, LLC, at 3717 East Thousand Oaks Blvd., Westlake Village, California 91362 (telecopier no. (805) 413-1308), Attention: E. Jean Mason, with a copy to 151 Sturbridge, Nashville, Tennessee 37064 (telecopier no. (615) 595-2555), Attention: E. Jean Mason, and with a copy to Jenkins & Gilchrist Parker Chapin LLP, The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10174 (telecopier no. (212) 704-6288) Attention: Mark A. Goldsmith, Esq.;
- (b) If to the Agent, at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, 10020 (telecopier no. (212) 247-0002), Attention: Chief Financial Officer; or
- (c) to any of the foregoing Persons, at such other address or telecopier number as shall be designated by such Person in a written notice to the other parties hereto.

Except as otherwise provided, each such notice, request or other communication shall be deemed delivered (i) if given by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, 72 hours after such communication is deposited in the mails in such fashion, (ii) if given by facsimile transmission, upon transmission to the fax number specified hereunder (as evidenced by electronic confirmation of such transmission) if such transmission is sent by 6 p.m. local time where the recipient is located or (iii) if given by any other means (including prepaid courier), when delivered to the address of the recipient for notices hereunder.

Section 13.06. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND BE GOVERNED BY, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTION 5-1401 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW BUT OTHERWISE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAW PRINCIPLES).

Section 13.07. Survival. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein and in the Loan Documents shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof, shall survive making of the Loan and the execution and delivery by the Lenders of the

Loan Documents and shall continue in full force and effect until all Obligations have been paid in full.

Section 13.08. Severability. If any term, provision or condition, or any part thereof, of this Agreement or any of the Loan Documents shall for any reason be found or held invalid or unenforceable by any court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of such term, provision or condition nor any other term, provision or condition, and this Agreement and the Loan Documents shall survive and be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable term, provision or condition had not been contained therein.

Section 13.09. Merger and Integration. This Agreement and the attached Schedules (if any) contain the entire agreement of the parties hereto with respect to the matters covered and the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other agreement, statement or promise made by any party hereto, or by any employee, officer, agent or attorney of any party hereto, which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding.

Section 13.10. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS.

Section 13.11, Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered, shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Agreement to be executed under seal as of the date first above written.

THE SONGWRITER COLLECTIVE, LLC,
as Borrower

By: E. Jean Mason
Name: E. JEAN MASON
Title: PRESIDENT & COO

FORTRESS CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES I LP,
as Agent and as a Lender

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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THE SONGWRITER COLLECTIVE, LLC,
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By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

FORTRESS CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES I LP,
as Agent and as a Lender

By:  _____
Name: **CONSTANTINE DAKOULAS**
Title: **CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER**